

1580

Sir Francis Drake completed a
three-year voyage around
the world

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The youth Galileo Galilei watched a hanging lamp in the Cathedral Church of Pisa. He used his own heart beat to measure time.

He concluded that contrary to expectations, the lamp took the same time to swing regardless of the height of the swing.

When he went home, he verified

this the weight of a pendulum has no
influence on the time of its vibration.

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The spring equinox fell
on March 11, 1580.

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Seventh Huguenot war
in France

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Buenos Aires was established

Q 1580

1912 Dates J-BK

1552 - 1599

Edmund Spenser

Poet

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Portugal & Spain United

King Sebastian of Portugal was killed in battle (1578), leaving the throne to aged Cardinal Henry at the time the Spanish Crown was bankrupt. Next in line to the throne was Philip II of Spain, who desired the wealth of the vast Portuguese overseas empire. At once he began to woo the Portuguese nobility & clergy; Cardinal Henry nominated Philip as his successor. Henry died in 1580 & Henry inherited the throne. Securing it was another matter. The common people were hostile to Philip's accession. Philip had outfitted a fleet in Sebraltar and placed 27,000

troop under the command of veteran Duke of Alba. on the Portuguese frontier. Alba preceded Philip into Portugal, ensuring that the King's progress was uninterrupted. In Thoma (Jan 1581) Philip summoned the Cortes, which swore him allegiance; he then made his way to his coronation in Lisbon. Philip had gained an immensely valuable prize. In return he promised to uphold the liberties of the Portuguese people, to nominate no Spaniards to Portuguese offices, & to reserve their overseas commerce to the Portuguese. He honored his part of the bargain until his death in 1598.

The Union endured until 1640

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Philip claimed through his
mother Portuguese crown,
ignoring house of Burgundy.
Instigated campaign in
England.

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The Great enterprise of Arthur Peck^{of England}
and Charles Jackson who battled
their way past Vaygats a short
distance into the Kara Sea towards
the river Ob; but eventually
compelled to beat a retreat by the
same obstacles that had defeated
their predecessors. It was the last
attempt, Chasing the northeast

passage was beyond the feeble technique
and defective equipment of the 16th -
century sailor

1560

~~Canal~~ CEUTA (Strait of Gibraltar)
Seized by Spain